the people who brought manure from Ambalapuzha had to take a circuitous way through Kayankulam to get to this place. The maintenance charge of Rs. 18 a mile allotted for this path was insufficient and might very well be stopped and used for its permanent improvement bit by bit.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Improvement of two roads in Kayankulam.

Mr. A. Krishna Pillai (Member, Kayenkulam Trading Classes) proposed that the existing lane running eastward between the northern bazaar and the Kayenkulam canal, and another lane from the first one, running southward and meeting the canal on the southern side of it, should be converted into cartable roads. This would greatly facilitate the commerce of the place and increase the material prosperity of the town. He also urged the necessity for repairing three bridges, *viz.*, the Southern bridge, the Fish-market bridge and the Theerthampitcha bridge, and for metalling the pathway from Neendakara to Thottappalli.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Providing a ferry to cross over from Munambam to Maliankara, the construction of a road to the Sreenarayana Mangalam temple and the adjacent school, the improvement of the existing village road to the Kuttakali Church, the construction of bridges over the canals intersecting the road and the construction of a bund to ward off the influx of salt water into the river flowing through Thuruthipuram, Kottapuram etc

Mr. Untaman Krishnan (Member, Nominated) said that the cultivation of 2,000 acres of paddy fields in the Puthenchira proverthy of the Parur taluk had often proved a failure owing to the floods in the monsoon time and to the inrush of salt-water from the Munambam bar during the hot season.

He urged the necessity for constructing a bund at Panthiranpala, which would not only prevent the inrush of salt-water but would also induce the ryots to take up *pudural* lands for cultivation. The Member also urged the necessity for a ferry from Munambam to Maliankara, and from thence a road to go to the Muthukunnam temple and the school. The present village road used by the travelling public to go to the cutcherry, school and other places, was in a miserable condition, and it should be improved with necessary bridges over the Kuriapalli and other canals that intersected it.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

50. Maintenance of irrigation tanks and canals for purposes of cultivation and for the use of cattle.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaren (Member, Pathanapuram taluk) stated that the people had solely to depend upon rain for their agriculture, the old tanks being neglected and consequently encroached upon by the neighbouring land-owners, and the few streams that existed being far below the level of the fields. He pointed out that for the last 8 years, the Chingom harvest was ruined for want of water and suggested that the irrigation tanks might be restored and kept in proper condition under the Shencotta Assistant Engineer. To make use of the water in the streams and rivers, the Member suggested

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